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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
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30-DAY EXTENSION OF THE RESOURCE AGENCIES COMMENT PERIOD

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF THE
MOBILE HARBOR, ALABAMA
GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORT (GRR) WITH AN INTEGRATED
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SEIS)

FINAL REPORT

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District announced the availability of the Mobile Harbor, Alabama GRR with an Integrated Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), Mobile County, Alabama on 10 May 2019. A copy of the integrated SEIS is located at the following website: <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/>. This document was made available on 10 May 2019 to resource agencies for a 30-day comment period. **This comment period is hereby extended for a period of 30 days to 18 July 2019. An updated Appendix E is included on the above website.**

Improvements to Mobile Harbor were most recently reauthorized in Section 201 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (PL 99 – 662, Ninety-ninth Congress, Second Session), which was approved 17 November 1986, and subsequently amended by Section 302 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. The Recommended Plan (RP) consists of: deepening the existing channel an additional 5 feet (existing 45-foot deep channel in the bay to 50 feet and existing 47-foot deep channel in the bar to 52 feet); adding an additional 100 feet of widening for a distance of three miles beginning at the upper end of the bend area at the 50-foot depth; including bend easing with the deepening at the upper end of the bar channel; and, modification to the Choctaw Pass turning basin to ensure safe operation at the 50-foot depth. USACE, Mobile District conducted extensive modeling of a "maximum potential impacts" scenario with potential environmental effects equal to or greater than the RP (i.e. dredging to a depth of 50 feet with widening of a five-mile channel section by 100 feet).

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It should be noted that the actual RP represents conditions less than the modeled channel dimensions. Material dredged during the improvements will be placed at a relic shell mined area and the Mobile Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS). Any suitable bar channel new work material dredged in sufficient quantity to warrant placement at the Sand Island Beneficial Use Area (SIBUA) will be accomplished accordingly. Future material from channel maintenance will be placed at those previously noted disposal sites in addition to open-water sites adjacent to the channel, the northwestern SIBUA expansion, and/or upland disposal sites.

Comments on the Final SEIS must be received at the address below by 18 July 2019 in response to the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

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